

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Boardroom, MTek1 on Monday 21st October 2019 at 12 noon.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Conlon presided.

Present: Cllrs. Paudge Connolly, David Maxwell, Raymond Aughey, Seamus Treanor, Brian McKenna and Cathy Bennett.

In Attendance: John Murray, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney, Executive Engineer, Carmel Murphy, Assistant Staff Officer

At the outset the Cathaoirleach Cllr. Conlon proposed a vote of sympathy with Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer, on the death of her brother Felix RIP. All members associated themselves with the vote of sympathy as did the Director of Services on behalf of the management and staff.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. McKenna seconded by Cllr. Aughey, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 16th September 2019 be confirmed.

2. Matters Arising

The members asked for an update on Corlatt Roundabout. Mr McElwain responded that the matter was reported to the Roads Section and is waiting a report back.

Cllr. Maxwell enquired about a lane at Tullyherim that is in a very bad state. Mr. McElwain stated that he had been in contact with the solicitors but no response has been received to date. It was felt that it would be too long a wait for the residents to apply for a LIS so Mr McElwain agreed to contact the solicitors again to see if this matter could be progressed.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-Ordinator

Mr. McElwain outlined the Municipal District report to the members:

CCTV - Cllr. Connolly requested an update on the CCTV in Monaghan Town. As per the MD report, the tender documents are currently being prepared.

Destination Town - Cllr. Connolly queried the projects listed in the Destination Town Plan and said he was disappointed with some of the contents. Mr. McElwain stated that this was an opportunity as the draft plan was out to consultation at present and the public and all stakeholders should make comments/submission on the plan. The plan is available on Monaghan.ie. Closing date for submissions is 31st October.

Plás Lorcáin Housing – Cllr. McKenna asked if there was a plan they could view for the whole development and asked if a presentation in relation to this could be given to the members? Mr. McElwain agreed to liaise with the Housing Section.

Mr. Murray stated that the plan hadn't changed since the members viewed it previously. He also informed the members that the 43 houses were near completion and would soon be ready for allocation. There would be an opportunity in the coming week for the members to view the houses prior to allocation.

Cllr. Bennett stated that she welcomed the Plás Lorcáin Housing development and queried what stage the housing project at Bothar Na Mullen is at? Mr. Murray responded that the project has been approved for Department funding with an indicative construction date of 2020.

N54 Tullybryan Re-Alignment - Cllr. Conlon queried why there is still no update from TII in relation to this project. He requested that a meeting be arranged with TII and also asked that a report be sought from the Gardai in relation to road incidents in the last 3 years.

Cllr. Treanor stated that there were a lot of bad potholes on the North Road, The Broad Road and the old N2 at Clontibret. Mr. McElwain responded that patching is ongoing at these locations.

Cllr. McKenna stated that there is a lot of water pooling on the road at Corracrin due to the poor condition of the road. Mr. McElwain responded that this is most likely due to the fact the final macadam was not laid but will pass on concerns to the Roads Section.

Blackwater Bridge Contract at Coolshannagh – Some discussion took place on the bailey bridge. As discussed before this bridge is part of the contract and it would be up to St Macartan's College to speak directly with the contractor. Mr. Murray advised that the executive will inform the Roads Section of this issue.

Town Team Report – The members agreed that the Taste of Monaghan 2019 had been a very successful event.

Cllr. Conlon queried why the members had not been invited to the recent Bio-Economy Launch. Mr. Murray responded that this was not a Council event but a national event organised by the Department of Agriculture, and invites had not been issued by the council.

Cllr. Conlon announced that the members had agreed that **free parking** would commence after 12 noon each day, from Monday, 9th December 2019 to Wednesday, 1st January 2020.

4. Correspondence.

The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda for the meeting:-

- Letter from Monaghan Canoe Polo Club requesting the Council's assistance with a number of items to develop a new polo facility at Peter's Lake

5. Monaghan Bus Station

No further update

6. Questions and Responses:

Cllr McKenna asked:-

1. What progress has been made on the provision of a bus shelter in Emyvale village; have we had discussions with the TII or Bus Éireann as this was a priority issue during the public consultation on the Emyvale Development Plan?

Response:

The Council has made an application to the NTA for funding for the bus shelter. The Municipal District will consult with the stakeholders and design the bus stop over the next few weeks.

2. What plans have the Municipal District made to remedy the dangerous situation at Tiernaneil Cross on the N2 whereby heavy vehicles trying to access the Tydavnet road No. L11551-0 from the N2 are crossing the centre line and endangering the lives of people in vehicles trying to access onto the N2?

Response:

The issues raised have been brought to the attention of TII road network and the junction has been investigated and surveyed. The Roads Section are now preparing necessary reports for submission to TII such that funding for this junction can be prioritised.

Cllr Conlon asked:

1. Will this Council liaise with Clontibret O'Neills GAA in relation to their Community Involvement Scheme efforts to ensure the provision of three street lights to compliment the installation of footpaths in the village?

Response:

The Municipal District are liaising with Clontibret O'Neills to investigate what works and associated funding is required. Proposal to be brought to the members.

2. For the purpose of updating information regarding overdue road realignment works on the N52 / Clones Rd, will Council Executive provide a report from the Roads Section for the October Municipal District meeting as to any correspondence from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) indicating a budget allocation that will progress this project?

Response:

The updated Total Scheme Budget Project along with the updated Project Appraisal Report has been submitted to TII. Awaiting approval from TII to progress to CPO Stage

7. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations

It was agreed that a vote of congratulations be extended to the following:-

Emyvale G.F.C. on winning the U17 Division 1 Championship Title
Clontibret G.F.C. on winning the County Monaghan Senior Championship Title
Glaslough on winning Ireland's Tidiest Town and also Ireland's Tidiest Village,

8. A.O.B.

Cllr. Maxwell proposed, that in light of the remarkable achievement by Glaslough in winning these 2 prestigious titles, the Municipal District should award a grant of €1,500 for winning Ireland's Tidiest Village and an additional grant of €2,500 for winning Ireland's Tidiest Town. All the members agreed to this proposal, with a stipulation that any future allocations would have to fulfil the two winning categories above. Mr. Murray stated that there may be scope in the Parks and Open Spaces budget this time.

9. Visit to Elliott's Land at Mullaghcroghery

The members then concluded the meeting in order to carry out a site visit to discuss a proposal to plant trees on these lands and to consider any alternative proposals.

Dated this 21st day of October 2019

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator